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CONCLAVE OF THE HEALER

n elf woman falls, an arrow embedded in her shoulder. Before she has even time to cry out, her compatriot - shrouded in an ever-shifting cloak of the forest - is kneeling next to her, applying herbs and a salve to the wound. It doesn't stop it from hurting when she removes the arrow, but it does stop the bleeding.

A gnomish woman sees one of her companions fall victim to the basilisks gaze - and then another - and then another. She resists the temptation to look herself, to see if it's really as bad as they say, and instead utters a single word. All around her, her friends turn from stone back to flesh and just like that, the tide has been turned.

A goliath man stands passive, seemingly unfazed by the carnage and chaos surrounding him. It's a surprise, then, when he flashes into action, appearing to almost fly to the side of a fallen soldier. He bows over the body and for a moment, it seems helpless - and then the soldier gasps for breath.

Knowledgable in both the mundane and the arcane forms of healing, rangers in the Conclave of the Healer seek to soothe the pain and mend the wounds of their friends and allies. They are not violent people; violence is, instead, a last resort used to protect those they care about, rather than a first option. They are doctors for the common people, well-versed in the simple, rustic ways of tending to the sick and injured and versatile enough to serve in that capacity even on the confines of a battlefield.

FIELD MEDIC

Beginning at the 3rd level, you can take the Heal action on your turn. Taking the Heal action requires you to be within 5ft of the ally you are attempting to Heal. When you Heal an ally, both you and the creature you Heal expend an equal number of hit die. The creature being Healed then rolls the total number of hit die expended in their hit die size and regains that many hit points.

FAVORED ALLY

At the 3rd level, you can choose a race (elf, human, dwarf, etc.) to have a particular specialized knowledge about. When Healing creatures of this race, add your Wisdom proficiency modifier to the amount that you heal.

BONUS PROFICIENCIES

At the 3rd level, you gain proficiency in Medicine and either the medicine kit or the herbalism kit (your choice). If you have proficiency in the chosen skills already, double your proficiency bonus when making these checks.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT

Beginning at the 5th level, you can, as a bonus action, double your movement speed until the beginning of your next turn. In addition, your movement does not provoke attacks of opportunity while you have this ability enabled. You can use this feature a number of times equal to your Dexterity modifier. These uses are restored at the end of a long rest.

PHYSICIAN HEAL THYSELF

At the 7th level, whenever you heal an ally in anyway (through the Heal action or through healing spells) you regain 2d6 hit points yourself, up to your hit point maximum. This increases to 3d6 at level 11 and 4d6 at level 17.

BATTLEFIELD CURE

At the 11th level, you can, as an action, end one condition afflicting a number of party members equal to your Wisdom modifier, providing it is the same condition afflicting all of them and they are within 60ft of you. After the first use of this feature, you must succeed on a DC10 medicine check for the condition to be successfully ended. The DC increases by 5 after each success. A failed check gives you one level of exhaustion. The DC resets after a long rest.

SECOND CHANCE

At the 15th level, you can cast *revivify* without expending a spell slot and without requiring the material components. You can do this once per long rest.

PLAGUE DOMAIN

halfling leaves a shambling home, replacing her long, beaked mask. It seems unfair that the worst of poverty breeds the worst of disease - but perhaps that is why she can shift the balance of power. Maybe some diseases can't be cured, some fates unavoidable, but this one is one she could prevent.

An assimar snarls in battle, glowing with holy radiance as she calls for pestilence to rain from the sky. When the sky blacks out, she is the only thing that can still be seen. When the light of the sun comes back, boils have errupted on the skin of all the enemies below her. She lands back on the ground, her shield aloft, her grin sharp.

A firbolg woman hums to herself, crushing herbs together with her mortar and pestle. Her shop is simple, direct. The only thing that marks it as a holy place is the banner above the threshold. It is a place of neutrality, of balance, of everything and nothing. There is a calm in the shop, as if this preperation is the only thing that ever happens.

The plague domain is a balancing act: it is life, it is death, it is health, it is disease. Clerics of plague gods are often forced to judge this balancing act on behalf of their god. They are both savior and executioner.

DOMAIN SPELLS

Level Spells

- 1st entangle, ray of sickness
- 3rd lesser restoration, spike growth
- 5th stinking cloud, speak with plants
- 7th blight, sickening radiance
- 9th wrath of nature, insect plague

HERBALIST

At the 1st level, you gain proficiency with herbalism kits. Aditionally, you gain proficiency in either the Nature or Survival skill.

GUIDE OF FATE

At the 1st level, you gain a pool of points equal to your Cleric level. As an action, you can use these points to either cure or afflicting on a creature you touch. If inflicting a condition on a hostile creature, they must make a Constitution saving throw or be afflicted. The effect lasts 1 minute. An afflicted creature can reroll the save at the end of each of their turns. The table below shows how many points each condition takes to cause or cure. Expended points are regained after a long rest.

Point Cost Conditions

- 1 Blinded, Deafened, Frightened, Diseased
- 5 Charmed, Stunned, Paralyzed
- 10 Petrified, One Level of Exhaustion

CHANNEL DIVINITY: PANACEA

Beginning at the 2nd level, as an action, you can surround yourself with the healing light of your god. For 1 minute, you have a 30ft radius surrounding you. All friendly creatures within this radius fain resistance to poison damage and advantage on saving throws to resist the Poisoned or Diseased condition.

HARBRINGER OF DISEASE

Beginning at the 6th level, you can cause a target you can see within 30ft of you to erupt in painful boils. They suffer 1d8 poison damage and must make a Constitution saving throw versus your spell save DC. On a fail, the boils burst and the target is considered Diseased. A Diseased creature suffers 1d8 poison damage at the start of each of their turns. The condition lasts for 10 minutes or until someone ends the condition with a successful Wisdom (Medicine) check versus your spell save DC. Any creature who fails this Medicine check must make a Constitution saving throw or become Diseased, suffering the same effects. You can use this ability a number of times equal to your Wisdom modifier. You regain expended uses after a long rest.

DIVINE STRIKE

At 8th level, once on each of your turns when you hit a creature with a weapon attack, you can cause the attack to deal an extra 1d8 poison damage to the target. When you reach 14th level, the extra damage increases to 2d8.

DESTROYING ANGEL

Beginning at 17th level, you ability to call for plagues has expanded. When you use your Harbringer of Disease ability, you can now target 3 ceatures instead of 1. When you use the expanded ability, roll a d10 on the wild plague table and apply the corresponding effect.

WILD PLAGUE TABLE d10 Plague Effect

- 1 All water in the ground in a 60ft radius from you turns into blood. It reverts back to water in 30 days.
- 2 2d10 fist-sized frogs emerge from the shadows and cover the ground.
- 3 A harmless swarm of flies surrounds all three targets of your Harbringer of Disease ability. They fly off after 1d4-1 rounds.
- 4 1d6 Medium or smaller sized beasts apear, hostile to all creatures present and controlled by the DM.
- 5 All beast creatures in a 30ft radius of you must make a Constitution saving throw or fall under the effect of your Harbringer of Disease ability.
- 6 All creatures within a 15ft radius of you must make a Constitution saving throw or fall under the effect of your Harbringer of Disease ability.
- 7 A harmless bolt of lightning flashes above. Following the lightning, all flammable objects not currently being worn or carried within a 30ft radius of you catch fire. 1d4-1 rounds later, the fire is extinguished with a heavy rain that also stops after 1d4-1 rounds.
- 8 One of the targets of your Harbringer of Disease, randomly selected, is subject to the infestation cantrip.
- A magical darkness encompasses the area in a 60ft radius surrounding you. The darkness disappears after 3 rounds.
- 10 1d6 hostile creatures must make a Wisdom saving throw or fall unconscious. The effect wears off after 1 minute, when someone uses an action to shake them awake, or they take damge.



Although controversial, I believe 5E needs a healing cantrip or at least something approaching it. So here's a cantrip with magic bandaids. I would like to suggest that the somatic element be kissing the wound better.

BOLDURI'S BUTTERFLY BAND-AID

enchantment cantrip

Casting Time: 1 action

Range: Touch

Components: V, S, M (a gauze or linen bandage)

Duration: Instantaneous

Classes: Cleric

Your magic acts as a temporary stop-gap on wounds and soothes momentary pains. A willing creature you touch gains 1d4 + your spellcasting modifier temporary hit points.

DOCTOR

You are a medical professional, trained in the ways of anatomy, physiology, disease, and treatment. You were formally trained - whether by apprenticeship near home or at a far-away university - in the art of healing and helping. You may have had your own practice, established in a village or city, or you may have just come into your own as a physician.

Skill Proficiencies: Medicine, Nature

Tool Proficiencies: Medicine or Herbalism kit

Languages: One of your choice

Equipment: A medicine or herbalism kit, a book on healing, a set of sterile clothing, a bundle of flowers or a bag of

sweets, and a pouch containing 30gp.

MEDICAL SPECIALTY

Though you may be able to treat a great deal of ailments and illnesses, you were trained in a particular type of medicine. Work with your DM to determine what you may or may not be able to do based on your level of education. You can select your medical specialty from the Medical Specialty table or roll randomly.

d6 **Medical Specialty**

- 1 Surgeon
- 2 Barber
- Midwife 3
- 4 Apothecary
- 5 Veterinary
- 6 Plague Doctor

FEATURE: PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF

As a trained medical professional, you can, after stabilizing a creature, make a DC 10 Medicine check. On a success, they regain 1d4 hit points. This process takes 10 minutes and can only be done a number of times equal to your Wisdom modifier before you must take a short or long rest to regain expended uses.

SUGGESTED CHARACTERISTICS

A doctor is above, all, educated. The rest of their upbringing will influence what they do with their education, and how they recieved their education, but they tend to value the knowledge they have and practice with regardless of other

d8 Personality Trait

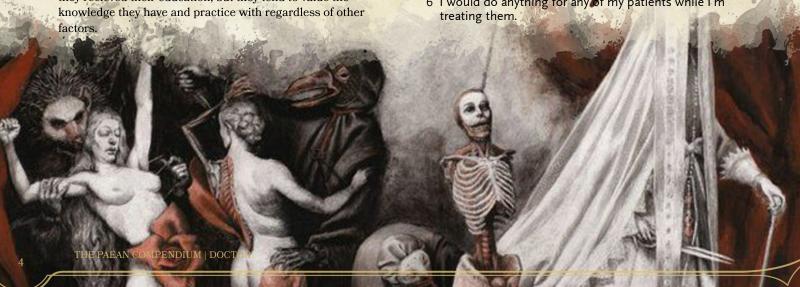
- 1 Because of my education, I often believe myself superior to those around me.
- 2 I am often flippant about topics of importance, like death or mutilation.
- 3 My patience is nearly infinite, but when it snaps, it's a sight to see.
- 4 I have two separate personas: one with patients, and one with non-patients. It's like night and day.
- 5 My days are spent in contemplation of nature and medicine.
- 6 Directly after hurting someone, I treat the wound I inflicted.
- 7 I was intended for a glorious or sacred purpose.
- 8 My handwriting is almost entirely illegible.

d6 Ideal

- 1 Peace. As a doctor, I am a perfect pacifist and will not harm anyone, at great personal risk. (Lawful)
- 2 Knowledge. I am constantly pursuing new knowledge of my craft. (Any)
- 3 Philanthropy. I never charge for my services or my aid. (Good)
- 4 Innovation. I aim to take the medical world by storm with my bold new theories. (Chaotic)
- 5 Fate. Some people are destined to die I can help speed that process up with my skills. (Evil)
- 6 Stability. My work provides me a comfortable living, and a safe and secure home. (Neutral)

d6 Bond

- 1 I am bound and determined to be better than my former teacher.
- 2 Someone else sponsored my education and I am desperate to prove myself worthy of their aid.
- 3 I come from a family of doctors and I want to make them proud.
- 4 A former patient died under my care, and I am still burdened with that guilt.
- 5 I kept all my school books to start my ever-growing library.
- 6 I would do anything for any of my patients while I'm





HERBALISM KITS

character with proficiency with herbalism kits can use that proficiency to heal and bolster their allies or to hurt and hinder their enemies. Herbs are either Common, Uncommon, Rare, Very Rare, or Legendary. Some herbs are magical and some are mundane. Herbs are counted in bundles. A bundle of herbs is exactly enough for 1 dose for Small and Medium creatures. A bundle of herbs is 1/2 a dose for Large creatures.

Basic herbalism kits have 2d10 (or 12) bundles of herbs, half of which are common and half of which are uncommon. Advanced herbalism kits have 3d10 (or 18) bundles of herbs, half of which are common, one fourth of which are uncommon, and one forth of which are rare. The ratio of magical to mundane herbs in both of these kits are to be determined by the DM based on what the level of magic your setting has.

Your herbalism kit will have more than just the standard clippers, mortar and pestle, pouches, and vials. All herbalism kits will have a base type of oil (carrier oils) that are used to infuse and create essential oils, lotions, or salves. The usual carrier oil is olive oil, though jojoba oil may also be used.

Beeswax is often used in salves, poltices, and the creation of pastilles. Apple cider vinegar is a common menstruum, though others (such as vodka or brandy) may also be used.

Epsom salts may be included in some more mundane herbalism kits. For more magically-bent kits, or kits of sacred or divine healers, they may have sandalwood to serve as the base of their incense mixtures or other divine offerings.

Because herbalism kits tend to function as minor medical kits, they are often stocked with bandages, hot water bottles, and bandage covers.

Making checks with your herbalism kit differs from what you are attempting to accomplish. When attempting to harvest herbs and plants, this is generally a Wisdom (Survival) check, while attempting to preserve them into bundles for later uses is typically a Wisdom (Nature) check. Preparing them into useable forms requires either Wisom (Medicine) for mundane herbs or Intelligence (Arcana) for magical herbs. Situations may change what check is made; ultimately the choice is left with your DM.

Preparing your herbs into their useable form depends on what you are attempting to prepare. These times assume that the herb has already been pressed or dried (except in the case of oils); the drying process varies depending on the method, but typically will take about 1 week to complete. Remember that these natural remedies can go bad, expire, or lose their potency. Discuss expiration dates with your DM.

Form	Preparation Time
Tea	10 minutes to steep
Oil	2 days to extract/infuse
Poultice or Compress	10 minutes to create
Salve	20 minutes to mix
Pastille	1 day to set
Tincture	2 days to mix
Incense	Ready to be burnt once dried; burning times vary

Common	
Mundane d6 Herbs	Usages
1 Activated Charcoal	Used in pastilles; when fed to a willing creature, the Poisoned condition ends if the creature has been Poisioned within the last round.
2 Lavender	Used in poultices and teas; when fed to a willing creature, they are immune to being magically put to sleep and have advantage on any saving throws involved with magical affects that would effect their sleep for 24 hours.
3 Aloe Vera	Used in salves; heals half of the fire damage dealt to a creature within the past minute when applied during combat.
4 Chamomille	Used in compresses and teas; ends the Frightened condition when fed/applied to a willing creature.
5 Peppermint	Used in compressed and teas; grants advantage on Constitution saving throws for 1 hour in hot environments when fed /applied to a creature.
6 Feverfew	Used in teas; ends the Diseased condition if fed to a creature for 5 or more consecutive days, though it does not necessarily cure the Disease.
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d6	Common Magical Herbs	Usages	Uncommon Mundane d6 Herbs	Usages
	Witch Hazel	Used in oils or tinctures; when applied to the hands and certain areas of the face, it grants you advantage on all rolls used to	1 Cayenne Powder	Used in poultices; stops any bleeding damage when applied to a wound in combat.
2	Elderberry	cast spells for 1 minute. Used in oils or as crushed berries; when applied around the eyes of a willing creature, it grants that creature truesight out to 30ft for 10 minutes.	2 Tumeric	Used in teas, spices to cook with, or pastilles; when fed to a willing creature, they gain 2d6 + your Wisdom modifier temporary hit points for 1 hour or until they have a short rest.
3	Datura	An ingredient in Drow Poison; when fed to a creature by itself, it takes 1d6 poison damage and must make a DC12 Constitution saving throw or be Poisoned	3 Ginseng	Used in teas and salves; when fed or applied to a willing creature, they have advantage on Constitution saving throws for 10 minutes.
		for 6 hours or until the condition is neutralized.	4 Rosemary	Used to cook with or to make pastilles; when consumed by a willing creature
4	Sage	Used in oils and incense; when applied to the face area or ritually burned around a willing creature for 10 minutes, it grants that creature advantage on saving throws versus undead creatures for 8 hours.		once a day for three days, they gain advantage on saving throws for resisting environmental effects. This effect lasts every day after the third day so long as a full ddose is consumed at least once per
5	Bay Laurel Leaves	Used in incenses and teas; when fed to a creature or burned around a willing creature for 10 minutes, you gain advantage on the next Wisdom skill check you make.	5 Grapeseed	24 hours. Used in tinctures and oils; when applied to the eyes, it cures the Blinded condition so long as the eyes are unharmed and the condition was started less than 1 minute ago.
6	Agrimony	Used in oils or loose-leaf; annoint or cover an item you suspect to be Cursed. If the item is Cursed, the leaves will shrivel up within 10 minutes; any oils placed on the item will repel and drip back off the item after 10 minutes. If it is not Cursed,	6 Kava Root	Used in teas; when fed to a willing creature, it ends any long-term or short-term Madness effect currently afflicting the creature.

Magic					Rare Mundane Herbs	Usages
d6 Herbs	ries Used i applie	n tinctures and comp			Roseroot	Used in teas or patilles; when fed to a willing creature with one dose per day for 7 consecutive days, it will end any indefinite Madness effect currently afflicting that
2 Catni	offerii an op or N wher have	ngs; when burnt for 10 en, wild area, it attract Medium beasts (DM's e the incense is being advantage on Wisdo lling) checks made to creatures.	O minutes in is 1d4 Small choice) to j burnt. You m (Animal		Daphne Berries	An ingredient in Pale Tincture; when fed to a creature by itself, it takes 3d6 poison damage and must make a DC12 Constitution saving throw or be Poisoned for 24 hours or until the condition is neutralized.
3 Drago Blood	l whei annoi	I in incense and divine to burnt and the ashes nt a willing creature, to base of 12 instead of	are used to hat creature f 10 for their		Plantain Leaves	Used to heal wounds when dried and applied directly to wounds; each dose of plantain leaves heals a creature 1d6 hit points.
4 Clove	unarmored AC for 1 hour. 4 Clover Used in incense and smudging ceremonies; after being burned for an hour in an area, the area in a 30ft radius centering on the point in clover was		California Poppy	Used as a tea; when fed to a willing creature, the creature will heal from 2 levels of exhaustion rather than 1 after their next long rest, provided they take this long rest within 10 minutes of drinking the tea.		
	bur Unde enter the b	rned in is considered p ad, fiend, and fey creat this radius for 24 hou urning. If this process ery day for a year and a permenently protec	orotected. tures cannot ars following is repeated a day, it is tted.		Golden Chain	Used in oils, tinctures, and extracts; when fed or injected to a creature, they must make a DC12 Constitution saving throw or be put to sleep for 8 hours or until they take damage or are shaken awake with an action. This sleep is not considered
5 Hysso	a willi oil, the	n tinctures and oils; af ng creature with a dos y have advantage on s sisting magic effects	se of hyssop saving throws	6	Skullcap	used in oils and salves; when applied to the face, hands, shoulders, spine, hips, and feet of a creature, it ends the Paralyzed
6 Mand	with posse creatu	in oils; after annointin mandrake oil, they are ession for 1 hour. If you re who is currently po ake oil, the possession	immune to ou annoint a ssessed with			condition.
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Very Rare Mundane d4 Herbs	Usages		Legendary Mundane d4 Herbs	Usages
1 Yarrow	Used in teas; when fed to a willing creature, they are healed 5d8 hit points. They can only recieve this benefit once per long rest.		1 Mistletoe	An ingredient in Baldur's Bane; when the fed to a creature by itself, the juice from a full dose of mistletoe berries deals 5d10 poison damage.
2 Woad	Used in teas, tinctures, and as dried roots and leaves; when consumed by a willing creature, they are immune to the	nen consumed by a willing hey are immune to the		Used in tinctures and teas; when consumed by a willing creature, they get the full effects of a long rest.
3 Jasmine	Frightened, Paralyzed, and Diseased conditions for 24 hours. Used in teas; when fed to one creature, they gain advantage on all Charisma (Persuasion) checks for 8 hours. When fed to eight or fewer creatures (one dose per creature), they are all made friendly		3 Foxglove	Used in oils, teas, and smudging ceremonies; when fed to a creature or applied to the face of a creature, they must make a DC 15 Constitution saving throw or be reverted to their true, original form - including reversing the work of True Polymorph.
4 Cypress	towards each other for 8 hours. Used as a salve; when applied to the chest of a willing creature, this creature has advantage on all Constitution saving throws and death saving throws for 24 hours.		4 Wolfsbane	Used in oils, tinctures, or as whole parts; when fed to a creature, deals 8d6 poison damage and the target must succeed on a DC 18 Constitution saving throw or be Poisoned for 24 hours.
	modis.		Legendary	
Very Rare Magical			d4 Magical Herb	
d4 Herbs 1 Calendula	Usages Used in oils and tinctures; when a willing creature is annointed around the eyes and hands, that creature is immune to charm effects and has advantage on saving throws versus any effect from fey creatures.		1 Valerian	Used in oils and salves; when applied on the base of the throat and the chest of a creature who has died within the last 8 hours, they are returned to life 10 minutes later with half their hit point maximum and 1 level of exhaustion. This does not regenerate any missing limbs or body
2 Lady's Bedstraw	Used in oils and tinctures; when annointed with a dose of oils on the feet and the eyes, the creature annointed can see a faint golden path on the ground that leads where their heart most desires to go. They can see this path for 8 hours before it fades from sight.		2 Meadowswe	parts. et Used in teas; when fed to a creature, they must suceed on a DC 17 Wisdom saving throw or be charmed by the brewer of the tea for 24 hours. This overcomes immunity to charm effects and reduces it to resistence.
3 Cinquefoil	Used in oils and salves; when applied to the arms, shoulders, hips and legs of a creature, it grants them resistence to all nonmagical damage for 6 hours. If they already had resistance to a form of		3 Buchu	Used in incense; when a creature burns this incense, provided they take a long rest within 10 minutes of burning the incense, they will have a prophetic dream during that rest.
4 Anemone	nonmagical damage, they gain immunity to it. Used in incense; when burned for 6 hours in one spot, with the creature burning the anemone remaining in the circle, meditating, for the full 6 hours, a 10ft radius portal centered on the incense opens to a plane of your choice and remains open for 10 minutes.		4 White Willov	Used in compresses, and as dried strips of bark; when applied to the hands, the next spell of 7th level or lower cast from the creature it was applied to does not expend a spell slot, though materially components must be provided.

Baldur's Bane (Injury). This poison is made from concentrate of magical mistletoe, berries and leaves, often infused into oils and then used to coat arrows or javelins. A creature subjected to this poison must make a DC 19 Constitution saving throw and take 7d10 + 30 poison damage. On a failed save, they are Poisoned for 8 hours. They take 2d6 poison damage every hour that passes that they remain Poisoned.

BASIC HERBALISM KIT

adventuring gear, common

A standard leather bag with one main opening, 3 outside pouches, and a space containing 4 empty vials, this herbalism kit comes with clippers, mortar and pestle, a jar of olive oil (5 doses ' worth), a bar of beeswax (15 doses' worth), a bottle of apple cider vinegar (5 doses' worth), and a small bag of sandalwood (3 doses worth). In addition to this gear, it has 6 bundles of common herbs and 6 bundles of uncommon herbs.

Common herbs. 1 bundle each of: aloe vera, lavender, fever few, sage, datura, and witch hazel

Uncommon herbs. 1 bundle each of: ginseng, rosemary, grapeseed, bilberries, mandrake, and clover

ADVANCED HERBALISM KIT

adventuring gear, uncommon

A standard leather bag with one main opening, 3 outside pouches, and a space containing 5 empty vials, this herbalism kit comes with clippers, mortar and pestle, 2 jars of olive oil (10 doses ' worth), a bar of beeswax (15 doses' worth), a bottle of apple cider vinegar (5 doses' worth), and a bag of sandalwood (6 doses' worth). In addition to this gear, it has 9 bundles of common herbs, 5 bundles of uncommon herbs, and 4 bundles of rare herbs.

Common herbs. 1 bundle each of: activated charcoal, lavender, aloe vera, peppermint, feverfew, witch hazel, elderberry, sage, and bay laurel leaves.

Uncommon herbs. 1 bundle each of: cayenne powder, tumeric, rosemary, catnip, and bilberries.

Rare herbs. 1 bundle each of: roseroot, skullcap, mugwort, and lovage.

PHYSICIAN'S BAG

Wondrous item, rare/very rare

A leather satchel with 1 large pocket, 2 outside pouches, 1 inside pouch, and 1 small hidden pouch, as well as a holder for 4 glass vials.

At dawn each day, this bag generates 1d4 common and 1d4 uncommon herb bundles (rare) or 1d6 common, 1d4 uncommon, and 1d4 rare herb bundles (very rare). Additionally, roll a d6. On a 6, one empty vial in the bag fills with one *potion of healing*. If there are no empty vials in the bag, this has no effect.



DISEASES



here are more ways to contract a disease beyond just poverty and refuse. Combatting creatures of unnatural being, exhausting yourself beyond your limits, and falling under the influence of unwise patrons can all have an impact on you long after the fight - though the normal ways are just as dangerous as they ever

are. Some diseases can be cured with a spell or an herbal concoction - some must simply run their course. All are things that are best to be avoided, if you can manage to.

Below is a series of diseases, expanding on the options presented in the Dungeon Master's Guide (pg. 256). They are designed to affect players or NPCs to act as encounters or problems for players to solve, or as plot hooks for them to engage with from a distance.

DISEASED AS A CONDITION

When a creature is Diseased, they have disadvantage on attack rolls and saving throws. The condition can be ended and the without actually curing the disease.

ARCANIST'S PLAGUE

For magicians and casters, their magic is a part of them. Like any part of the body, it can be diseased and weakened. Thought to be a curse from a vindictive dragon - or perhaps the gods, depending on who you listen to the story from - the arcanist's plague exhausts the caster's magical core while preserving the body perfectly. The Arcanist's Plague is whispered of with fear in magical communities. The fate it delivers - a magicless life - is often seen as a fate worse than death.

Conditions to Contract. Any creature who has the ability to cast at least one spell has the ability to contract the Arcanist's Plague. Coming in physical contact with another spellcaster who is infected with it is sufficient to be at risks. It can spontaneously develop in spellcasters who have depleated their magical resources and have at least 1 level of exhaustion.

Development. After coming in contact with an infected creature, the uninfected creature must make a DC16 Constitution saving throw. If the uninfected creature has depleated their magical resources (i.e. is out of spellslots and/or innate spellcasting) they make this throw at disadvantage. On a failed save, they are considered Diseased. **Symptoms.** An infected creature begins to lose control over their magic. On the first day of infection, they have a 10% chance of any spell they cast failing while still expending the spell slot. For each day that passes, the percentage increases by 10% until it hits 100%. At that point, the infected creature has 5 days to cure the disease entirely or the infected creature will permenantly loose their magical abilities. The only way this can be reversed is through the wish spell. Treatment and Cure. The disease is cured if the diseased creature is fed a tincture of california poppy and witch hazel for 3 consecutive days. After the first day, their chances of a spell failing reduce to 50%. After the second, it reduces to 25%. After the third day, it reduces back to 0%.

BONE RATTLINGS

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THRALL'S NIGHTCAP

ALSO REFERRED TO AS: VAMPIRE BACKWASH

Those who choose to fight vampires have a twofold danger: not only can they succumb to the lords, ladies, and nobles of the night in combat, they can also succumb to their bites long after the vampire has been fought or fled from. Those who have been fed off of are at a particular risk; the most unlucky souls are transformed into vampires themselves. In the best of cases, the thrall's nightcap is debilitating but recoverable. In the worst of cases, people may be forced to watch their friend waste away, slowly, turned into the creature that they just hunted with little to no way to stop it.

Conditions to Contract. A creature has a chance of developing this illness if a vampire has fed off of them in the last 24 hours.

Development. Every hour starting at the sundown after being fed off of, a creature who meets the conditions to contract must make a Constitution saving throw. The DC is equal to 10 + the number of hours it's been since sundown. On a failure, they are infected and are considered Diseased. **Symptoms.** A creature infected with the thrall's nightcap is living a half life. For the first 6 hours of an infected creature, their body temperature drops to 20 degrees below their average, creating a trembling and shaking in the effected creature. They have disadvantage on all Dexterity checks. After the first 6 hours, the creature becomes unnaturally accostumed to the temperature. The disadvantage goes away, and the creature gains Darkvision out to 30ft, stacking with any Darkvision the creature may have naturally. Every hour after the first 6, the infected creature takes 1d10 necrotic damage. This damage is not able to be healed in anyway until the disease is cured.

Treatment and Cure. The disease is cured if the diseased creature is fed a tincture created from clover oil and holy water once a day, at dawn, for three consecutive days. Alternatively, a creature subjected to the greater restoration spell is cured of this disease. A creature cured of this disease by either way is not healed of the damage they took, though now the damage can begin to be healed.

If a creature dies of this disease, they raise as a vampire at the next sundown. If they die by any other means while

THE CHANGELING CURSE

Those who associate themselves with the fey do so at their own risk. This is common knowledge; the fey are tricksters who glamor and charm, decieve and steal. One of the most poignant threats is the looming threat of charm aftereffects. Those who have been seduced by a fey creature stand the chance of being pulled back into the feywilds, against their will or even against their knowledge, and being transformed into a fey creature themselves. The Changeling Curse is not lethal in any sense; rather, it gives a long, vivid, terrible life.

Conditions to Contract. Any creature who has been subjected to a Charm effect from a fey creature for more than 6 consecutive hours has a chance of developing this disease. **Development.** Starting at the dawn after the charm effect has been broken, a creature who meets the conditions to contract must make a Constitution saving throw. The DC is equal to 10 + half the CR of the fey creature who produced the Charm effect. Every hour between dawn and midday, they must make this save. If they fail three of these saves, at exactly midday, they become infected and are considered Diseased.

Symptoms. An infected creature's eyes are covered by a milky film, rendering them Blinded. They instead gain sight into the location in the Feywilds corresponding to where they currently are. At the midday after the one when they become infected, they are Deafened and can hear the Feywilds surrounding them. At the midday after becoming Deafened, they are rendered incorporeal, caught between the Feywilds and the Material plane. Creatures on either plane can interact with them as an incorporeal creature and they can see both planes melded into one being. At midnight during the next full moon after becoming incorporeal, the infected creature vanishes into the Feywilds, appearing in the court of the fey who Charmed them.

Treatment and Cure. The disease is cured if the diseased creature is fed a tincture created from eyebright for 3 consecutive days or a tincture created from calendula for 1

If the infected creature is vanished into the Feywilds and not recovered, they begin to transform into a fey creature.



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